

Chose

And There ~~Was~~ A Great Storm (Mark 4:35-41)

- I. The Awaiting Storm
 - A. God's Permitting of Storms
 - B. God's Plan for Storms
- II. The Anxious Sailors
 - A. The Frightening Circumstances
 - B. The Forgotten Statement
 - C. The False Summary
- III. The Awakened Saviour
 - A. His Responding To The Plea
 - B. His Rebuking Of The Sea
- IV. The Alarming Statement
 - A. Where Is Their Trust In His Promise
 - B. Where Is Their Trust In His Presence
 - C. Where Is The Truth Of His Person

And there Arose A great Storm Mark 4: 35-41

Many people have learning disabilities when it comes to testing. I know of some that were brilliant but when a test came around they fell to pieces. I'm not that way, if I know there is a test coming tomorrow, I know how to cram and study and stuff my brain with enough facts to pass a test. The kind of test that I have a learning disability in are pop-tests, pop quizzes. Yes, I'm allergic to pop quizzes I sweat, get the shakes, I have been known to drool and stare at the wall during a pop quiz. You see a pop quiz get to the heart of what you really know about a subject. I can cram for a test, but cramming doesn't stay. Here

I. The Approaching Storm - This day was drawing to a close as Jesus & disciples were boarding a boat hoping for a gentle ride across the Sea of Galilee. Because of the unique

A. God's Permitting of Storms - This storm wasn't breaking news in heaven. No this storm was permitted. It was allowed by God. We know from the book of Job that God permits Satan to attack in order to strengthen our faith. Remember what I said a long time ago "Faith possessed will be faith tested." Jesus knew the storm lie on the horizon ahead and yet permitted his disciples to walk right into it. This is so true of our lives storms

- 1) Here in our text, the disciples had not time to prepare for the test. They were basically heading straight into an unexpected test and in this pop test called a storm we find out what they really know or believe. I believe that this account is a pop quiz study guide for us on how to handle the sudden storms of life. Life's pop quizzes. First of all I want you to see ...
- 2) Geographical lay out of the sea of Galilee, it was prone to storms. Sudden storms that placed even the most skillful of sailors in danger of perishing.

Jesus, God yes, but in a fleshly body exhausted by the days labors sound asleep in the boat. They doubted the Christ that loved them and would give his life for them. How many times have we done and thought the same thing instead of trusting and doubt

III. The Awakened Saviour - I by no means degrade Christ or mean that he was unaware of the circumstances of his disciples. But I mean he was awakened to action ^{or that prayer} the point

A. Responding to the Plea - It never ceased to amaze me the graciousness of our Lord. These men faithless and fearful, casting doubt upon Christ have been them and yet he still responds to their plea. In his own timing in his own plan, he responds to their call. They were still his disciples, he was still in the boat with them. They are still heading to the other side. Oh how often the Lord responds to our feeble faithless

B. The Rebuking of the Sea - Not only did he stand to his feet. But he did that which was impossible. He spoke to the sea. The word Peace here is word to mean muzzle. It was used of Jesus when he shut the mouth of the deamen in C/V 35 and Pharisees in 3:1. Jesus has power to change our circumstance. It doesn't mean his own will. Paul ship went down in the storm. "Sere

times he calls me the slam other times he calls me slam

IV. The Alarming Statement - in Vs 40

we have the grade in their paper quiz
Jesus is full of questions. I have seen as well

A. Where is their Trust in His Promises?

They had the word of the promise of a gentleman, "Let us pass over." If we are to pass the stern tests of life we must depend on his promises. 2 Cor 1:10 One author writes "God permits trials in our lives because it not enough to learn lessons." PH 1

3. Where is their Trust in His Presence?

Christ was on the boat with them! What is happening to them is happening to Christ. Paul why persecutest thou me? God is with them. Do they think the Saviour is going to go down in a boating accident? In H's Do you think God is going to sink in the midst of men?

C. Where is the Truth of His Person? v5/11

Just like the disciples. They still don't get it. This is actually not a compliment. What manner of man? Ps 89:89. This kind of power reveals who he really is. The Christ the Same of the living God.

Closing - Amy Carmichael wrote
Trust his promise, trust his
presence, know his person!

- 1) 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.
- 2) ...enough to learn lessons, we are expected to live lives. We're meant to live our faith, and claim the promises of God, and live in them in the midst of the darkest devilish storms!
- 3) John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- 4) Psalms 89:8-9 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
- 5) 'Thou art the Lord who slept upon the pillow; Thou art the Lord who soothed the furious sea. What matter beating wind and tossing billow If only we are in the boat with Thee? 'Keep us in quiet through the age-long minute While the waves are high, and wind is shrill: Can the boat sink when Thou, dear Lord, art in it? Can the heart faint that waiteth on Thy will?'